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of
HALTEMPRICE**

Annual Report

of
**THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR**

For the Year ended 31st December,

1945



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THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HALTEMPRICE.

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STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health :

J. M. HERMON, M.D., C.M.

Sanitary Inspectors :

J. HILARY STEELE, R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
(Senior).

FRANK RHODES, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.
(Returned to Civil duty. 3/11/45).

Clerk of the Council :

A. B. GLASSPOOL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945.

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July, 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1945, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 28/46 (England).

The instruction continues that Reports should be short and directed principally towards the careful preservation of all records and statistics, and should not include any reference to activities in connection with war-time, industrial, military or other important developments.

1.— STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a)	Area in acres	....	....	....	....	....	9,026
(b)	Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1945	....	....	....	....	....	31,850
(c)	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1945) according to the Rate Book (estimated).						9,981
(d)	Rateable value (end of 1945)....	...	...	....	....	....	£198,398
(e)	Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)						£795

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births numbered 469, being :—

		Males.	Females.
Legitimate	....	247	192
Illegitimate	....	14	16

This gives an Annual Birth Rate of 14.7 compared with 18.6 for 1944, and 16.1 for the whole of England and Wales for 1945.

Still Births numbered 12—6 being males (1 illegitimate) and 6 females—giving a Still Birth Rate of 0.37, compared with 0.47 for 1944 and 0.46 for the whole of England and Wales for 1945.

Both the above rates are expressed in terms per 1,000 civilian population.

Deaths numbered 331 (previous year 344)—182 being males and 149 females—giving an Annual Death Rate of 10.4 for the year, compared with 10.9 for the year 1944 and 11.4 for the whole of England and Wales for 1945.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	0
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Deaths from other Puerperal causes	0
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Deaths of Infants under 1 year	11
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being 8 males (1 illegitimate) and 3 females (1 illegitimate)—giving an *Infant Mortality Rate* of 23, compared with 32 for the year 1944 and 46 for England and Wales for 1945.

Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	20
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Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	66
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Deaths from Cancer	64
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being 32 males and 32 females.

Deaths from Measles	0
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Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
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Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	4
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3.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEMALES.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers
2 Cerebro-spinal fever ....	....	....
3 Scarlet fever ....	....	....
4 Whooping cough ....	....	....
5 Diphtheria ....	....	....
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	5	4
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	2	....
8 Syphilitic diseases	2	....
9 Influenza ....	....	1
10 Measles ....	....	....
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph....	....	....
12 Ac. inf. enceph. ....	....	....
13 Cancer of b. cav. and oesoph. (M)		
uterus (F) ...	3	2
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	9	3
15 Cancer of breast ....	....	5
16 Cancer of all other sites	20	22
17 Diabetes	1	1
18 Intra-cran. vasc. lesions	16	26
19 Heart disease....	50	38
20 Other diseases of circ. sys.	8	9
21 Bronchitis	6	3
22 Pneumonia	6	2
23 Other respiratory diseases	5	....
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	....
25 Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	4	....
26 Appendicitis	2	1
27 Other digestive diseases	7	5
28 Nephritis	3	2
29 Puer. and post-abortion. sepsis ....	....	....
30 Other maternal causes ....	....	....
31 Prem. birth ....	....	....
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	2	1
33 Suicide	4	1
34 Road traffic acc.	1	---
35 Other violent causes....	6	3
36 All other causes	19	20
All Causes	182	149

4.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1945.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	25	22	0
Diphtheria	10	9	0
Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid)	0	0	0
Pneumonia	6	0	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	6	6	0
Whooping Cough	35	0	0
Measles	184	1	0
Erysipelas	4	1	0
Acute Inf. Enceph.	0	0	0

5.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 ...	1	...	1	1	..	2	...	...
25 ...	7	4	...	...	2	...	...	...
35 ...	5	2	...	...	2	...	1	...
45 ..	2	3	...	...	...	2	1	...
55 ...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Totals ..	23	9	2	1	5	4	2	0

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

	New Cases.	Deaths.
1940	29	19
1941	36	17
1942	39	27
1943	38	13
1944	34	16
1945	35	11

Because it has been the subject of considerable public comment, I wish to state that there has been, from time to

time, regrettable delay in obtaining Sanatorium and Hospital treatment, but such delay has been common to many parts of the country, and is entirely due to difficulties in getting trained nursing and domestic staff. Ex-service cases number 10 men and 1 woman. Comparative figures for the last five years show the smallest number of deaths recorded for many years.

6.—DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The response to this has been very satisfactory throughout the district, and it is gratifying to find that the majority of children are brought to one or other of the four Clinics which have been established, before they are a year old.

During the year about 500 Dutch children, with attendants, were housed in one of the large Hostels in Cottingham, and brought Diphtheria with them—the first case being reported about 12 hours after their arrival. They had, in all, 6 children and 1 adult who required Hospital treatment, and several “carriers” who were found were isolated in the grounds. There was no spread of the disease to the outside area. The ages of our three local cases were : 16 years, 21 years and 31 years—all females and none of these had been immunised.

7.—WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the area has been, and is, satisfactory in both quantity and quality. The chief source is from pumping stations, situated in our area, which are the property of the Hull Corporation.

The water is drawn from deep chalk strata, is chlorinated at source, and has consistently proved to be free from contamination. Direct supply from mains to individual houses is used in the great majority of cases, but there are 178 houses with separate stand pipes, 183 houses sharing stand pipes, and 166 houses—mostly beyond the reach of water mains—have their own pumps.

8.—GENERAL REMARKS.

The standard of health of the public throughout the year has been good.

The year saw the conclusion of the War, and it is to be hoped that the consequent delay in much needed Health Services will be overcome as speedily as possible, especially with reference to housing and relief from overcrowding, provision of Sanatorium treatment for cases of Tuberculosis, and suitable Hospital accommodation for Maternity cases.

We have cause for congratulation in the facts that the number of deaths from Tuberculosis is the smallest recorded for many years and that there has not been a single death from infectious disease.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1945.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 372 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	....	64
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	....	84
„ privy pails or middens	....	1
„ roofs	....	6
Accumulations of refuse or manure	....	9
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.		3
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	....	35
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	....	4
„ house floors	....	6
Dampness in walls	....	12
Defective windows and other woodwork	....	6
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	....	6
„ sink and bath waste pipes	....	8
„ wall and ceiling plaster	....	7
Offensive smells	....	9
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	....	5
Defective pumps	...	2
Rats present	....	68
Foul ditches	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	34
		372

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	...	...	314
" " houses and premises re-inspected	...	...	397
" " miscellaneous visits	...	...	277
" " visits to works in progress	...	...	741
" " visits to slaughter-houses and shops <i>re</i>			
Food Inspection....	....	....	417
" " " " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops			33
" " " " tips	....	...	39
" " " " workshops and factories	...		12
" " " " <i>re</i> cases of infectious disease	...		48
" " " " shops, etc.	7
" " " " Housing Act, 1936	5
" " " " on rat destruction	103
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			2,393
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NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	418
Statutory Notices under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	1
Statutory Notice under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1936	3
Statutory Notice under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	13
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					435
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SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc.....	87
New provided	—
Relaid	....	....	....	....	—
New gullies fixed....	....	....	....	....	2

WATER CLOSETS.

New pans fixed....	....	....	....	....	...	19
New W.C.'s installed	....	....	....	....	....	2
Cisterns repaired	....	....	....	....	....	17
New cisterns fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	9
Privies converted to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	....	2
Soil pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	—
New soil pipes fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—

SINKS AND BATHS.

New provided	....	....	....	....	....	—
New waste pipes provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
Waste pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	10

R.W. PIPES.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	....	22
Renewed	....	....	....	....	....	1

WATER SUPPLY.

Cisterns repaired....	....	....	....	....	....	6
Pumps repaired	....	....	....	....	....	2
Water supplies laid on	....	....	....	....	....	4
Service pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	14
Pumps abolished	....	....	....	....	....	1

YARD, PAVING, ETC.

Yards paved	....	....	....	....	....	1
Paving repaired	....	....	....	....	....	4
Yards cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	1

DUST RECEPTACLES.

Provided	....	....	....	....	....	92
New privy pails provided	....	....	....	....	....	2

DAMPNESS.

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	25
Eaves gutters provided	....	....	....	....	....	1
Eaves gutters repaired	....	....	....	....	....	52
Walls rendered or pointed	....	....	....	....	....	9
Ventilation provided under floors	....	....	....	....	....	2

GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

Walls repaired	....	....	....	....	....	11
Windows repaired	....	....	....	....	....	29
House floors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	15
Ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	....	20
Ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	....	15
Animals removed	....	....	....	....	....	9
Accumulations removed	....	....	....	....	....	6
Rooms ventilated	....	....	....	....	....	2
Wall Plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	....	32
Additional Windows provided	....	....	....	....	....	—
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	12
Obstructive buildings removed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Premises closed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Rooms cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	9
Cellars filled in	....	....	....	....	....	—
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	18

SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The necessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small “general” type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

	No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	75	171
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	4	5

(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	1
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	57
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.				
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	....		55
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.				
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	—
		carried forward from 1936			36
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				3
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied....	....	....	....	16
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	16
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				—
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....		—

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	....	—

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A.	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	12
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...			12
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	....			99
B.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	—
C.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	—
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	....	—
D.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....			—
E.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	....	....	....	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	....	....	....	21
Number of Cowkeepers	....	....	....	59
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	....	....	....	80

FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

Bovines	...	....	....	1,500
Sheep	....	....	....	5,879
Pigs	...	....	....	77
				7,456

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle including Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	1,500	5,879	7
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcasses condemned	—	7	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	290	32	38
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	19.33%	.67%	53.24%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcasses condemned	10	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	104	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	7.6%	—	1.3%

Total weight of condemned Fresh Meat was 12,733 lbs.

Other foodstuffs inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :—

Corned Beef	400 lbs.	Jam	12 lbs.
Bacon	336 lbs.	Sweets	43 lbs.
Tinned Meats....	210 lbs.	Dried Fruits	114 lbs.
Tinned Fish	51 tins	Cakes and Pastries	115 lbs.
Tinned Soups....	95 tins	Chocolate Powder	696 lbs.
Tinned Milk	20 tins	Tea	24 lbs.
Butter....	36 lbs.	Mixed Tinned Foods	68 tins

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

All the slaughtering, excepting in cases of emergency, is carried out in the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse. Routine meat inspection is made, and with regard to emergency slaughtering, this department is notified by the slaughterhouse manager or slaughterman immediately following. Periodical limewashing of slaughterhouses and lairs is carried out. The total number of licensed slaughterhouses on the register is nine.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	46
Factories (no power)	23
Workplaces	—
	—
	69
	—

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory, excepting in one case, and the owners have submitted plans for the provision of new and enlarged sanitary conveniences.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout is undertaken by direct labour, and is under the control of the Engineer's Department.

Mechanical transport is used throughout the District, and a weekly collection is made.

All house refuse in the three Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD—Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.

CENTRAL „ Controlled tipping at the Ripplingham Cross Roads tip.

HESSLE „ Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from population areas and have proved satisfactory.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HILARY STEELE,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

